



Republic of Namibia

Remarks

By

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**During the Handing Over Ceremony of IT
Infrastructure and Equipment by Intra-health**

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Ladies and Gentlemen

I feel humbled to join you at this handing over ceremony of IT equipment to Ministry of Health and Social Services. I am told some materials have already been despatched in the three piloting regions (Hardap, Khomas and Erongo). I wish to acknowledge with thanks the support by IntraHealth International in developing and strengthening our IT infrastructure. Indeed, I am happy that you have put in place capacity building to ensure the effective management and implementation of the Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS).

For this, we remain grateful to the US Government, through USAID and IntraHealth International. Indeed, we remain grateful to I-TECH for having been an active partner in providing leadership. Similarly, I commend my staff who played a major role in making this project a reality.

I am told that the initiative to develop the Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) started late 2006 when the Ministry collaborated with I-TECH – Namibia invited Capacity Project who are expertise in this field. Therefore, I am pleased to note that Capacity Project and later IntraHealth International joined this partnership and provided the push to roll this project out to the first three pilot regions. I am delighted that this roll out has been successfully completed.

Programme Director,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The improvement and strengthening of health systems performance is crucial to the achievement of our NDP 3 targets, the Millennium Development Goals and Vision 2030 goals. The quality of health services that are delivered, their effectiveness, efficiency, accessibility and viability depend on those who deliver the services, the health workforce.

I therefore believe that this project is of paramount importance as it will be providing us with the necessary information to assess our human resources needs, make optimal policy decisions on human resources, plan effectively and assess the performance of our human resources.

Given this background, I urge the personnel who will utilise these equipment and those responsible for the establishment of IT infrastructure to please guard jealously against vandalism.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the next planned phase that will involve another six regions, i.e. Karas, Omaheke, Otjozondjupa, Oshana, Omusati and Kavango. With IT in place, I expect improved HIS data for the Ministry.

I thank you